National Aeronautics and Space Administration



Why do we explore?

How do we explore in our everyday lives?

What excites you about space flight?

What do you imagine for future human living environments in space?

Are you an explorer?

Design a Signature With Your Students

Capture the imagination of your students as NASA prepares for the historic first spaceflight of an Educator Astronaut.

For Ages 6-12

Spark the curiosity, creativity, and imagination of your students with the NASA Space Pennant Design Challenge in which they create a design, conduct research, and write an essay about their connection to exploration. Through an online gallery, their work will be shared with NASA and students around the country, who will then have the opportunity to vote online for their favorite. One design will be chosen to fly into space aboard the Space Shuttle on Mission STS-118.

The Challenge begins on March 15, 2007, and runs through May 18, 2007.

For more information, go to www.nasa.gov/sts118.

One of your students' designs could be chosen to fly into space aboard the Space Shuttle on Mission STS-118.

Through the process of designing a pennant, students will get the opportunity to learn about space-flight and the science surrounding NASA's programs while gaining a lasting understanding about the importance of space exploration. One grand prize winner chosen by online voting by kids around the country will have their pennant design flown aboard the Shuttle on Mission STS-118 and receive a trip for their family to see a mission launch. Finalists and semifinalists can win other cool NASA prizes including astronaut autographs and visits. Winning pennants and essays will be displayed on NASA and KOL Web sites.

The contest will take place between March 15, 2007 and May 18, 2007 on www.nasa.gov/sts118 and www.kolexpeditions.com. Entries are due by April 10, and online voting will occur May 3 -17.

Visit www.nasa.gov/sts118 for more information and to enter.

How To Enter:	Students choose from two themes for their pennants: STS-118 Mission or the Vision for Space Exploration.
	2. Students research their theme and develop a concept for the design.
	Students create a pennant using a template located on the KOL Web site and provide a 100-word description of the design.
	Students submit their pennant online to KOL at http://www.kolexpeditions.com or by mail.
	5. Once the entry is submitted, the student will receive a Certificate of Participation.
	6. All entries will be divided into 3 categories based on the entrant's age: 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12.
	7. Judges from NASA, KOL, and Mad Science will select six finalists (two from each age group).
	8. Six finalists (two from each age group) will be chosen by a panel of judges.
	A grand prize winner will be selected through online voting.
	10. For more details, please refer to official rules on the contest Web site.
Grand Prize (1):	Pennant will be flown on STS-118
	Student and one parent/guardian will receive a trip to the STS-118 launch (Summer 2007). Travel and hotel accommodations included.
Finalists (6):	NASA Space Day at the school or location
	Autographed picture of the Shuttle crew framed for display
	"Space seeds" for the school/location

All winners' pennants and essays will be showcased on the KOL and NASA Web sites.